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Dear Interested Party

The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range *Draft* Herd Management Area Plan (HMAP) and *Preliminary* Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review for 30 days beginning on June 11, 2008. At this time the public is asked to review the document and provide comments as well as any **additional relevant data, information, or analysis, along with recommendations for additional projects, locations, or alternative sites for project development.**

Using the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Evaluation as a basis for the revision coupled with monitoring data, research, and known information, the document outlines and assesses impacts of proposed management actions for the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range (PMWHR) over the next 5 to 10 years. The document would supersede the existing HMAP from 1984 and 1992 revision. The PMWHR HMAP would operate under the umbrella of the Bureau of Land Management Billings Resource Management Plan, Custer National Forest Plan, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area laws and policies.

This document is in **draft** form and will not be finalized with a decision document until after the public has an opportunity to provide additional information and comment. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Billings Gazette, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal.

As per Forest Service portion of decisions to be made the time period for notice and comment is set by regulation and cannot be extended (36 CFR 215.6(a)(1)(iv)). When a decision is made, it will be subject to each agency's respective appeal regulations. Only those who provide timely comments under any appeal or administrative review process will be eligible to appeal the decision, including appeals filed pursuant to 36 CFR 215. The notice, comment, and appeal procedures found at 36 CFR 215 are posted on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/36cfr215_05.html.

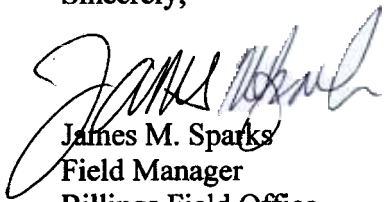
Written, hand-delivered, or oral comments must be submitted to: Jared Bybee, State Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, BLM - Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101, phone (406) 896-5223, fax (406) 896-5281. Office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered or oral comments are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.


Electronic comments must be in MS Word (.doc), Word Perfect, or RTF (.rtf) format and be sent to: MT_WildHorse@blm.gov. The subject line must contain "Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range/Territory Preliminary Environmental Assessment and Draft HMAP". It is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

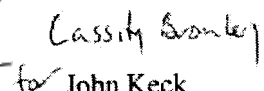
Written Comments in response to this Draft, including the names and addresses of commenter's, will be available for public review, Billings Field Office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Thank you for your interest in the PMWHR.

If you have questions, please contact Jared Bybee, State Wild Horse and Burro Specialist with the Bureau of Land Management, at (406) 896-5223.

Sincerely,


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